



HAMLIN CHURCH NEWSLETTER
MARCH - APRIL 2016

MARCH & APRIL AT HAMLINE CHURCH



PALM & PASSION SUNDAY
MARCH 20 | 10 AM
 Bread Oven Pretzel & Bake Sale



MAUNDY THURSDAY
MARCH 24 | 6 PM



EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 27 | 10 AM

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Hamline Church,

Stop what you are doing - and get out your calendar - paper, smartphone, book, your brain, whatever you've got. Open up to the week of March 20-27. Maybe you already have a bunch of things scheduled. Or maybe the week is completely open - you've got your daily routines that you'll settle into once it arrives, but nothing formally on the schedule.

Now, if it's not already marked, I encourage you to mark it in big, bold letters: **HOLY WEEK**. This one week is the high point of the Christian year. Even though the commercial world doesn't give it as much attention as Christmas, in the Christian tradition, Easter is most certainly the highest holy day of them all.

Maybe you didn't grow up in settings that celebrated Holy Week. Perhaps you grew up in a church that didn't do much. Many of us didn't grow up in a church at all and are still trying to figure out what this whole Christian liturgical year is all about! And, of course, some of us did grow up marking Holy Week...and we might have positive or negative association with those memories.

Here is what I have discovered over the years: Easter is a force. It is this amazing, mystical, celebration of renewal and new life that has the power (if I allow it) to resurrect my spirit in mighty and magnificent ways.

But it seems to require preparation. Both of my daughters were born during Lent, so in my six years of ministry - I kind of missed Lent those years and when I got to Easter it felt like I had some how missed part of the journey.

I realized if just show up in church on March 27th and am taken by surprise ("Oh! It's Easter! I love tulips and Cadbury Eggs!") it's just not the same as actively and intentionally preparing myself for this event.

And so I invite you to look at Holy Week. Consider planning at least one thing you will do that week to walk into Jerusalem with Jesus. Will you be there on Palm Sunday to wave the branches and cheer his arrival? Will you join us on Maundy Thursday as we remember the last meal he shared with his friends? Perhaps you will join in prayer on Good Friday to stare death in the face and remember Jesus's last moments. Or maybe it's something else entirely. Whatever it is (and I hope it's actually even more than one of these things) schedule it now. Write it down or make a personal commitment. You can find full details inside this newsletter or on our website at <http://www.hamlinechurch.org/holyweek>

Easter comes only once a year. And in order to allow our souls to fully sing, dance, play, rejoice on Easter morning, we first must journey through that holiest of weeks together. I, for one, am thankful to have your company on the journey. Peace be with you as we continue through this Lenten season of reflection and reconciliation.

Blessings,

Pastor Mariah

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HOLY WEEK AT HAMLINE CHURCH

At Hamline Church, we believe that the joy of Easter will have the greatest impact when you travel with Jesus through all of Holy Week.

Holy Week Services:

The journey to the cross of Good Friday and the resurrection of Easter Sunday begins **Sunday, March 20, at 10 a.m. with Palm/Passion Sunday.**

Maundy Thursday, Thursday March 24th 6:00 p.m. Potluck Meal and Tenebrae Service

Maundy Thursday begins the Three Days remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death. The service begins with a potluck meal in the Fireside Community Room and then concludes with a Tenebrae service in the sanctuary.

You can sign up to bring food on clipboards located in the commons & Fireside Community Room (on Sundays) or at the church office (during the week.)

The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial.

Easter Sunday Celebration Sunday March 27th at 10 a.m., join us for an inspiring worship celebrating the joy of the resurrection complete with beautiful music, a message for kids, and Holy Communion. Children are welcome to worship with their families and childcare will also be available for ages 5 and younger.

Easter Egg Hunt, after worship

After the service, children hunt for Easter eggs on the lawn. All children up through 6th grade are welcome to search for eggs. Meet in the Narthex. Children will be grouped by age and there are eggs for all. Bags will be provided. Following the service and the Egg Hunt, everyone is invited for coffee and refreshments in the Fireside Community Room.

Easter Giving Opportunity - UMCOR One Great Hour of Sharing One of the ways we live out our faith is to seek to bring opportunities of resurrection to the lives of others in need of hope. As United Methodists, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is one of the most important ways that we share our resurrection faith.

This year our Easter collection will enable UMCOR to respond to disasters around the world by covering its operational and administrative costs. Unlike other mission programs, UMCOR receives no additional funding for overhead. By giving to One Great Hour of Sharing, you enable UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of designated gifts will go to support the designated projects. More information www.umcor.org Offering envelopes will be available on Easter Sunday.

HOLY WEEK AT HAMLINE CHURCH



PALM & PASSION SUNDAY
MARCH 20 | 10 AM
The triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and the trial of Jesus in one, vibrant service

Bread Oven Pretzel & Bake Sale
Discover the monastic origins of the pretzel, and support the Children's Ministry



MAUNDY THURSDAY
MARCH 24 | 6 PM
A potluck meal and worship remembering the last supper and institution of Communion



EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 27 | 10 AM
Celebrate the resurrection with beautiful music, Holy Communion, the Hallelujah Chorus & an Egg Hunt



Healthy CHURCH INITIATIVE



Hamline Church is participating in a transformational visioning process to help healthy churches better live out their mission.

Go to this Meeting

All Church Training and Consultation

Saturday, March 19th 9 am - Noon

- give input and ideas about the future of our community
- meet our coaching team
- childcare will be provided

Welcome our Consultation Team the weekend of March 18 - 20, including leaders from the Minnesota Conference of the UMC.

After the Consultation

Our coaching team will give us 5 strengths, 5 concerns, and 5 strategic recommendations.

There will be two informational meetings for the whole church to better understand these recommendations:

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 AT 11:15 AM
TUESDAY, APRIL 19 AT 7 PM

We will vote on the strategic recommendations at a Church Conference immediately after worship on:

MAY 8

HEALTHY CHURCH INITIATIVE UPDATE - WHAT'S NEXT?

Hamline Church's participation in the Healthy Church Initiative (HCI) is in full swing. HCI is a process for church transformation, visioning and strategic planning. We are hopeful this process can help us grow to become more of what we wish to be in the future - but this is only possible with your help and participation!

Over the past seven months many leaders of Hamline Church have been participating in congregational learning and preparation of a self-study and various forms of analysis.

HCI CONSULTATION WEEKEND

March 18-20th marks our HCI Consultation weekend when a three-person team of leadership from the Minnesota Annual Conference of the UMC will be on site to:

- interview staff and key leaders individually
- conduct two focus groups
- lead an all church training and consultation
- experience Sunday morning worship and education

Everyone in the congregation is invited to the All Church Training and Consultation on Saturday, March 19th from 9am - 12pm in the Fireside Community Room. Childcare will be available.

Following the weekend the consultation team will prepare and present a full written report in collaboration with church leaders within two weeks naming Hamline Church's strengths, concerns and 5 strategic recommendations.

INFORMATIONAL GATHERINGS:

In April we will hold two meetings to discuss the consultation report with recommendations.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

PRESIDED AT BY DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

To move forward, the congregation must agree to adopt the entire action plan as developed by the leaders with the consultation team. Our Church Conference will be immediately after worship on **Sunday, May 8.**

There's More Information about this at hamlinechurch.org/hci



FAMILY RETREAT

FOURTEEN HAMLINE CHURCH FAMILIES EXPERIENCED

fun and fellowship at Northern Pines Camp on our annual retreat weekend. Our crew filled up the lodge and two large cabins with laughter, games, conversation, and lots of snacks. Kids of all ages skated, played broom ball, and built tunnels through mounds of snow on frozen Fish Hook Lake. The golf course across the street from camp had soft, powdery hills for sledding, and the snow pack and groomed trails were perfect for skiing and checking out the Mississippi Headwaters at Itasca State Park.

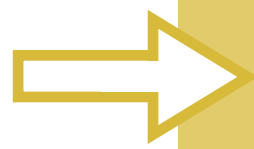
On Saturday night, Pastor Mariah led a vespers service with the retelling of the story of God’s people crossing the Jordan river. Once they had crossed, they knew God was in that place, and built an altar. She invited us to think about times in which God had been present in our lives, and to write or draw that place on smooth stones. Then we walked through the night to a bonfire, where we laid down our stones, noticing that God was also present with us at Northern Pines. A fire-side rendition of ‘Happy Birthday,’ complete with s’mores, cake, and candles (blown out by Ryan Tollgaard) wrapped up the evening.

The pleading sounds of kids asking to stay longer and begging for promises from parents that they would, indeed, return to camp, convinced all of us that the weekend was a success.

Don’t want to wait a full year to return to Northern Pines? Join us at Family Camp the week of June 26! For more information, and to register, visit www.NorthernPinesCamp.org or contact Amy Schroeder Ireland at asireland@hamlinechurch.org

BIG NEWS!

Hamline Kids will have a week-long Vacation Bible School this summer! Mark your calendars now, and get involved as a participant or a volunteer by emailing Amy Ireland at asireland@hamlinechurch.org



HAMLINE KIDS COMING UP

Sat. March 5
Inter-Generational Service
Project UMCOR Bags
Community Room
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Sun. March 20
Palm Sunday Parade
Pretzel Sunday
3rd-6th graders will learn how pretzels were used to teach spiritual lessons in the Middle Ages in Europe, then will make and sell Geman-style pretzels during Sunday School and Coffee Hour. Proceeds will support the Children’s & Family Minisry.

Sun. March 27
Easter Sunday and Egg Hunt

Thurs. March 24
Mauddy Thursday
Meal and Worship

Sun. May 22
Hamline Church Kids
FILM FESTIVAL - 11:15 am

Mon. June 13: - Fri. June 17
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

HAMLIN CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY IN MISSION & SERVICE

All throughout the year, the Hamline Church Youth are involved in our community in mission, service, and as good neighbors. Our youth program is designed to train young people in Christian faith, and a large component of that faith is learning to serve others as the hands and feet of Christ. This year, our youth:



Lead Christmas Crafts for kids at the Hallie Q. Brown Center



Attended the Interfaith Youth Day of Service



Will Cook and Serve a Meal at the Simpson Shelter on April 20

This year we're excited to announce that our kids are returning to South Dakota to serve the Lakota People living on the Rosebud Reservation. We'll be going from July 31 to August 6.

They will:

- Do work projects including repairing homes, serving at a free hot meal site, sorting clothing for a resale shop, clearing out a warehouse, and maybe even fixing bikes
- Participate in cultural educational activities. Subjects discussed include Sioux history, culture, poverty, health issues, social issues, Lakota/Dakota games, dancing, and regalia, among others.

During a time when bigotry and hatred are a staple in our political discourse, I can't emphasize enough how important these experiences are for our kids. Hamline Church's support of these young people is helping to ensure that we have a new generation of young leaders who can engage other cultures respectfully, and seek reconciliation.

THANK YOU

We kicked off our fundraising season on February 27 with a chili dinner. You all donated so generously, we made double our expected amount: **\$1,135**

There will be additional opportunities to support us going forward, including the annual **Shareholders Campaign**, which begins on May 15. Stay tuned for more information!

INTRODUCING HAMLINE CHURCH'S REFUGEE MINISTRY



The Refugee Ministry is up and running! We will welcome a family to our community sometime in April. To prepare, we are working in partnership with the Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC). Our ministry's work includes setting up the apartment that MCC will find for the family, transporting the family to some early meetings and appointments, and helping them settle into daily events like attending school, grocery shopping, and the like.

We don't yet know the exact arrival date of our family—or where they are from, or how many people are in the family. We'll learn these things as we get closer to April—and we'll keep you all posted. Many families in this program have lived in refugee camps for ten years or more. Our ministry will help a family achieve a new home and sense of permanency.

YOU CAN HELP!

We are now collecting money as well as household items and furniture. All furniture and household items must be in good shape; and a few items (such as mattresses and car seats) are by law required to be new. For more details on types of household items needed and how to give, please contact Miriam Friesen, our housing subcommittee chair (Miriam.e.friesen@gmail.com).

In addition, you can give money (to pay for bed mattresses, car seats, and other items). You can put a donation in the offering on Sunday or bring it to the office—just note that it is for the “Refugee Ministry.” If donating cash, please write your name on the envelope.

Lastly, we're looking for a few more folks to help with transportation when our family arrives—the first week or so will be busy with family members needing to get to appointments and meetings. If you are able to drive only once or twice, you are still needed, and your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact transportation chair Carol Duling (danielcarol@comcast.net) to place your name on a volunteer list.

The news can be overwhelming. There are more refugees today—over 60 million—than at any time since World War II, and more than half are children. We can't solve the problem ourselves. But through this ministry, we can make a real, life-changing difference for a family that, like our own, deserves warmth, safety and a future.

RENEW, REBUILD, REJOICE

MINISTRY OF MEMORY UPDATE

HERITAGE SUNDAY APRIL 17

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH



Just ninety years ago, the Hamline congregation grieved the loss of their beautiful Clarence Johnston building and everything in it to fire just after Christmas, 1925. That building culminated the work of the early congregation which had previously worshiped at Old Main on the Hamline University campus since 1880. Changes would be made. The burned building had rose windows: scripturally based windows were planned for the new one.

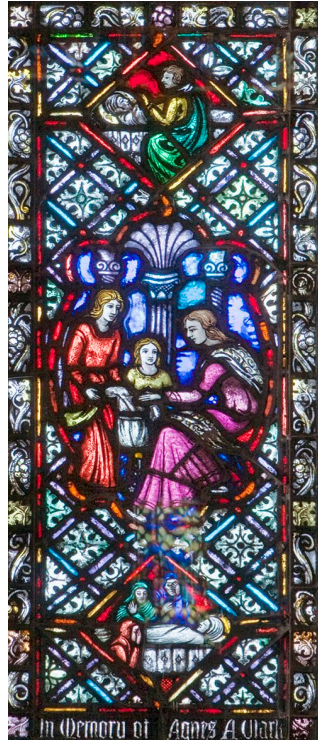
As we will celebrate the work of women in the church on Heritage Sunday in April, some often overlooked windows deserve a closer look. Three lower windows use Mary and Martha as their basic theme.

The first is located in the east transept was given at the merger of the women's organizations which merged in 1948: the Builders of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, the Ladies' Aid, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service which had operated from 1884 at Hamline Church. With the merger of the various denominational entities, these organizations became the Women's Society of Christian Service. The scripture from Luke 10 describes the window: Martha continued to work, while Mary sat at his feet and listened to his words.

Around the corner in the nave is another, where Martha asks Jesus to tell Mary to help, given by Ida Marie Rigby, a licensed practical nurse. Originally from Minnesota, she moved to Dawson, Montana, and then returned to Minnesota when widowed. The design of this window mirrors the next.

RENEW, REBUILD, REJOICE

MINISTRY OF MEMORY UPDATE



Another honors Agnes Clark, given by her three surviving daughters. Agnes Bean Clark had been living in Nicollet Township near St. Peter when the U.S./Dakota War of 1862 began. Her father led one of the first militia units to help defend New Ulm. Agnes was widowed in 1878 and moved to St. Paul shortly afterwards to raise her three daughters. She believed that education was important: her daughter Martha became a principal in the St Paul Schools, and her youngest Alta was a journalist. Alta has the distinction of being the only woman from Hamline Church to serve in World War I. She had worked for various newspapers after graduating from Hamline University in 1890, but represented the YWCA during her service. The Minnesota Historical Society has her uniform in its collection.

A new display in the Commons will celebrate the work of women in the church, outlining accomplishments both here and abroad. Stay tuned!

Church Historian, Mary Bakeman

HAMLIN WOMEN

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

ANNETTE MERRY IS THE 2016 UMW SUNDAY HONOREE. SHE WAS HONORED ON UMW SUNDAY IN JANUARY. HER AWARD WAS PRESENTED BY 2015 WINNER CANDYCE OSTERKAMP.

Annette is from the small town of Twin Brooks, South Dakota. She was a member of an Evangelical United Brethren Church while growing up and attended a two-room country school.

Her husband David is from another small town, Dell Rapids. Annette and David met while students at South Dakota State College, now South Dakota State University. Both are SDSU alumni. Annette's major is English, with a music minor.

Annette and David have been married for 53 and one half years. One of the first pieces of furniture they got for their first apartment was a piano. Annette is an accomplished singer and piano player and taught piano for many years in the family home. She enjoyed her voice training and it was always a treat to play a grand piano.

Annette put her English degree to use as a teacher at the junior high level at several South Dakota schools while David worked and later went to graduate school. In 1965 a job for David at Univac brought the Merrys to the Twin Cities. David worked at Univac for 24 years, then went into the ministry as Annette continued teaching school and giving piano lessons.

The Merrys raised three children - Michael, Sharon and Mark. They have eight grandchildren. Their children and grandchildren share Annette's great love of music. The Merrys have enjoyed their children's and grand children's activities, including music and sports. One granddaughter has been in all state choir.

The Merrys were longtime members of First-Trinity United Methodist Church, which later became Church of the Good Shepherd. Annette was very active with the music program and choir, and directed the church's cherub choir of children. She sewed several white children's choir robes, which are still in use at Hamline.

Annette took on other responsibilities as well, doing everything from helping at church events to contributing to the last church cookbook. She was very involved in children's activities.

Annette was in Twin Cities District UMW and in Minnesota conference for many years and held district office for a time. When Mission U conferences were held at Hamline University, Annette handled registrations. Annette and David worked together as a team to set up the first computerized registration system.

After the CGS-Hamline merger, Annette joined the Hamline choir, the bell choir and Hamline Church Women/UMW. She served as the UMW treasurer and helped at events serving as a cashier. She's been a dedicated women's volunteer, contributing her handwork to sales, and to the school supply and paper products drives. She has provided thoughtful insights and knowledge to Hamline Church Women/UMW and has been a valued member of the women's leadership team.

Annette has been involved in other church activities as well. Many of you have enjoyed her delicious deviled eggs, which always go quickly at potluck lunches.

The award was given to Annette in appreciation for her many years of service to the United Methodist Church and the UMW.

Thanks to all who attended UMW Sunday and enjoyed the talk by Aja McCullough Beers of Emma Norton and the soup and bread luncheon.

**Helen Vulu
Jane McClure
Hamline Church Women/UMW**

HAMLIN WOMEN

NEWS & UPDATES

Coming Up with the Hamline Women

Women are preparing for a busy spring and we'll have plenty of activities for people to get involved in.

We'll host a district meeting April 23 and we'll need volunteers so that we can be good hosts for the rest of the Twin Cities district women. Watch for information about the speaker and volunteer opportunities. The meeting is always a fun day and a time to meet women of faith from around the area.

We host planning meetings before district so lunch donations may be needed. Watch for women's updates.

Our other big spring opportunity is the Mom Needs Cookies Cookie Walk, always held the Sunday before Mother's Day. Donate or buy cookies, and help support mission giving and our scholarship fund.

Watch our bulletin board and other updates for news about UMW studies of climate change and racial justice, as well as sewing projects, scholarships and other ways to get involved, And a big thanks to all who donated to Emma Norton Services. Hamline Church is always a key donor for the women and children there.

Helen Vulu
Jane McClure
Hamline Church Women

HAMLIN UMW SCHOLARSHIP

UMW Scholarship

Hamline Church Women will award one scholarship (grant-in-aid) in 2015 to a student in a college or university, or technical school who has officially declared a major field of study.

The selection will be based on outstanding leadership potential and interest in pursuing a service related profession.

Application forms are available in the church office or contact UMW (United Methodist Women) Scholarship team coordinator, Mary Lou Wolsey, at 651-698-2864.

History of the Scholarship

Concerned about the struggles of youth to obtain higher education in the late 1950's, Claribel Mondale and Marion Munson established a scholarship fund to assist eligible applicants with their education. Mrs. Mondale served as the former Hamline Church Education Director while Ms. Munson was a church school teacher and a member of the Business and Professional Women who met at Hamline Church. Many scholarships have been awarded through the foresight of such church women and their establishment of the Hamline Church UMW Scholarship Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH IS FOODSHARE MONTH

Get ready for Minnesota Foodshare Month! Hamline Church gathers food all month for Keystone Community Services on University Avenue in St. Paul.

Kids will bring up food on each Sunday during March to be celebrated and blessed. You can also donate food in special Foodshare Boxes near the office and downstairs near the elevator, all throughout the week.

Keystone counts every dollar donated as 1 pound of food. In March, each pound of food is matched by statewide food sharing agencies, and given to each local center according to the amount they have collected.

There are 7000 people who need and use these 3 Keystone agencies. Remember, you're also supporting our newest tenant, the KEYSTONE FOODMOBILE!

Lists of items that are needed will be posted near the boxes during this time.

There are small brown envelopes in the pews, for cash donations. If writing a check, please use the reference line to indicate that this is for Food Shelf, then the Church can just send one check at the end of March.

Thank you for your help with this project.

**Bob and Jacquie Sellers for
the Social Justice and
Missions Committee**

Member Care Ministry

Hamline Church is reaching out to members who have difficulty getting to church for services and other activities. A group of faithful volunteers have been checking on a number of members and staying in touch. As Judy Hartman and Elaine Christiansen assume this member care responsibility, we are seeking information about any other members we should know about. And, we invite others to join us in this outreach ministry. If you are interested, please contact us. We can bring soup, prayer shawls, communion, and general good cheer to our friends who love to hear about the church.

Judy Hartman - 651 328 0444 and Elaine Christiansen - 651 645 11785

Fiction and Fellowship

Continuing in this year's comparisons of male and female authors style in a variety of genres the group invites ALL to come for discussions in the science fiction/dystopian novel category 4:30-6pm (now meeting in Green Room):

Sunday, March 13: STATION ELEVEN by Emily St. John Mandel

Sunday, April 10: FAHRENHEIT 451 by Ray Bradbury

Now meeting in the Green Room.

Easter Egg Hunt, April 5th after worship

After the service, children hunt for Easter eggs on the front lawn. All children up through grade 6 are welcome to search for eggs. Meet in the Narthex. Children will be grouped by age and there are eggs for all. Bags will be provided. Following the service and the Egg Hunt, everyone is invited for coffee and refreshments in the Fireside Community room.

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Honoring Earth Day

Friday, April 22nd is Earth Day and Hamline Church will honor it with a Prayer Vigil. The Vigil will be from 6:00 am to midnight on the 22nd. There will be a sign up sheet at church but your prayer and contemplation may take place wherever you are. Commit to an hour (or more) or share an hour with a prayer partner. Mother Nature will help mark the day with a full moon and almost 14 hours of daylight!

Sincerely, The Green Team



One Great Hour of Sharing Who is My Neighbor?

For the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), with a stated goal of alleviating human suffering around the globe by providing humanitarian aid, the neighbor could be anyone anywhere. We support UMCOR relief efforts when we donate to One Great Hour of Sharing through the Easter Offering. OGHS provides the administrative costs of UMCOR and allows it to use 100% of designated gifts for their intended purpose. Though the need may seem overwhelming, we can still do our part - meal by meal, blanket by blanket, neighbor by neighbor.

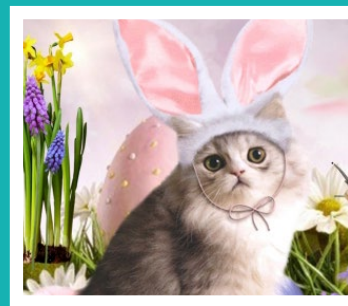


Welcome Keystone Food Mobile!

On March 1, Hamline Church has a new tenant! Keystone Family Services, a long time partner in ministry, is renting our Theater space as food storage for their Mobile Food Pantry. The Mobile Food Pantry is a bus outfitted like a food pantry, and it is driven to locations in the city where there is no grocery store or food pantry within 2 miles. We are excited to join in ministry with Keystone and provide space for their home base for this project.

THANK YOU

This newsletter was created with the tireless efforts of volunteers and staff at Hamline Church, who wrote articles, designed layouts, and found pictures. Thank you especially to **ALLYSON OPPS**, our lead student worker, who has taken on the work of co-captaining this publication. She has graced you with this:



The next Newsletter will be for May & April, and the deadline for submission is April 20.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 16

Present: John LeFevre, Stephanie Bowron, Shirley Wright, Mark Krueger, Linda Krueger, Diane Krueger, Mary Kay Olson, Julie Dahlke, Jan Bajuniemi, Barb Edgar, Gil Young, Ross Hackenmill-er, Kathy Sundberg, Mary Bakeman, Teresa Renneke, David Pur-cell, Barb Deming, Amy Schroeder Ireland, Heather Bouwman, Maggie Nancarrow, Sharon Fields, Mary Kay Bailey, John Bai-ley, Eric Molter, Steve Bloom, Bill Kimes, Matt Mehaffey, Elaine Christiansen, Ray Faust, Wayne Wolsey, Pastor Mariah Tollgaard, Rev. Cindy Gregorson

Chair Ray Faust convened a Church Council meeting at 6:30 pm on February 16, 2016. Our regular meeting was in conjunc-tion with a Healthy Church Initiative presentation being made by Rev. Cindy Gregorson, MN Conference Director of Ministries. Eleven members of Church Council were present. Pastor Mari-ah Tollgaard gave an opening prayer.

A Consent Agenda had been previously circulated to the Church Council members, consisting of :

- Approval of the Minutes from the January 19 Church Council meeting
- Approval of a possible lease extension until July 31, 2016 for the Bilingual Childcare Education Center (Trustees)
- Approval of a new lease (for six months) for Keystone Food Mobile—to use the “Theatre” for storage and retrieval of perishable food items (Trustees)
- Approval of the use of \$6,900 from carryover 2015 Income Endowment funds for boiler system upgrade (Finance and Trustees)
- Supplemental Reports
- January Financial report (Finance)
- Trustees Report (Trustees)
- Investment Reports (Investment)

Steve Bloom moved that the Church Council approve the Con-sent Agenda as presented. After seconding, the motion was approved by voice vote.

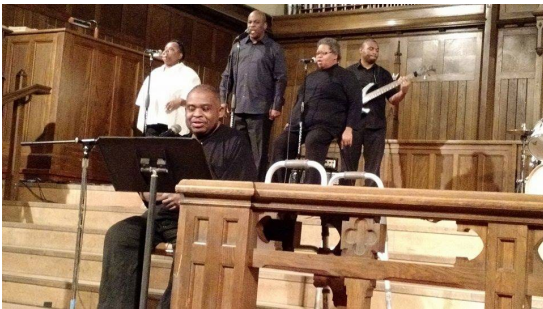
The Church Council meeting concluded at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wayne C. Wolsey, Secretary of Church Council

PHOTOS AT HAMLINE CHURCH BECAUSE WE HAD AN EXTRA PAGE



Hamline Youth chillin out at the February 27 Fundraiser, pausing for ice cream.



Robert Robinson in concert with us on February 27.



Families at camp in late January.



The Hamline University Gospel Choir on Transfiguration Sunday, February 7, led by Sherri Orr.

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